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MINUTES

LA PORTE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Wednesday, December 20, 2017 at the La Porte County Complex Meeting Room #3 at 6:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

Commissioner Gonder called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Commissioner Gonder asked Coral Laun to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Auditor Joie Winski called the roll: Commissioner Gonder - Present; Commissioner Kora - Present; Commissioner Mrozinski - Absent. Quorum present therefore meeting commenced.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Commissioner Kora motioned to approve the agenda. Commissioner Gonder seconded. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF THE DECEMBER 6, 2017 MINUTES

Commissioner Kora motioned to approve the minutes from the December 6th meeting. Commissioner Gonder seconded. Motion carried.

CLAIMS

Auditor Winski read the claims with Payroll ending 12-15-2017 - \$1,131,425.10 and Miscellaneous -\$3,113,812.55. Auditor Winski explained the miscellaneous amount is larger than normal due to the end of the year as well as new trucks purchased for the highway department. Commissioner Kora motioned to approve the claims as read. Commissioner Gonder seconded. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

DEPARTMENT HEAD COMMENTS

George Watkins - Veterans Service Officer - Stated his last day as the Full Time VSO is December 29th. George will be the assistant working the Michigan City VSO office. Hours will be Thursday and Friday only 8am-4pm.

Doug Biege - County Attorney - Informed the Commissioners that he has contacted Steve Ingram, with Valuation Services in Valparaiso, to conduct an appraisal of the county home for \$3,400 in mid-January. This will be the third appraisal. Two previous appraisals came in with one being \$60,000.00 and the other at \$1,710,000.00. Commissioner Kora motioned to approve. Commissioner Gonder seconded. Motion carried.

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CORRESPONDENCE

None

REQUESTS

John Boyd - Sheriff - Considered approval of agreement with La Porte City Fire Department to store scuba van at Fire Station #2. Commissioner Kora moved to approve. Commissioner Gonder seconded. Motion carried.

Considered approval for quote/agreement with Axon for Body Cameras. Commissioner Kora moved to approve said agreement. Commissioner Gonder seconded. Motion carried. Considered consulting agreement with M.A. Dilts & Associates for compensation for pension and employee benefits consulting services. Commissioner Kora moved to approve. Commissioner Gonder seconded. Motion carried. Attorney Biege reported he looked over all of the paperwork and it was acceptable.

Barb Mossman - Human Resources - Considered approval of sick time pay for employee Bethany Stemmler who had been with the county for 12 years. Bethany requested an exception be approved for her 30 unused sick days she had accrued. Commissioner Kora moved to deny request due to county policy which states "Any full time employee with twenty (20) or more years of service shall be paid seventy five dollars (\$75) per day for unused sick days up to a maximum of sixty (60) days upon voluntary termination." Commissioner Gonder seconded. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Considered supporting Resolution CHIP - Children's Health Insurance Program. Commissioner Kora read the resolution. He then made a motion to approve. Commissioner Gonder seconded. Motion carried. Resolution 2017-7 will now be recorded with the Commissioners' Resolutions.

COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS

Commissioner Kora thanked everyone for a great year. Commissioner Gonder echoed Commissioner Kora's comment.

ADJOURN

Commissioner Kora motioned to adjourn at 6:10 p.m. Commissioner Gonder seconded. Motion carried.

EXAMINED AND APPROVED BY THE
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE
COUNTY OF LA PORTE, INDIANA
DATE 1-3-18



ATTEST: Michael W. Gonder
Auditor

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